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MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Skagway-Whitehorse Railway World's Toughest To Run

By JACK BIRD

(Last of a series on the Northland)

It was early in the morning, and quite dark, I remembered, when I first saw the town of Wrangell, on Wrangell Island.

The mountains all around—for I was taking the Inside Passage—were a blue-black with white peaks and ridges. The whole top line of those ridges had stood out sharp and clear against a light blue sky that was full of stars.

I recalled how cold and silent it had looked up there on those mountain tops of ice and snow, and there was a feeling of endless time about it all. Along the shore there had been the sound of many birds. Although it was mid-November, it seemed like spring to hear the continual twittering and chirping of bird life.

GREAT COUNTRY

Alaska means "Great Country" and that is just what it is — a great country—and the last American frontier. The capital is Junean. Coming upon it at night, from the sea, it is a mass of yellow lights that at a distance seem to twinkle.

This town of 7,500 is built along the narrow shore-line and sides of a mountain. On the steep flanks of the mountain, at one end of the town, is a big gold mine, all lit up, with heaps of rock and dirt right down to the water's edge.

Skagway is at the north end of the Lynn Canal. As the ship draws up to the dock you notice on your right that the whole face of the high gray cliff is one mass of ship's names, and dates, crests and house flags. They are all painted in colors, and are expertly done. It is called a ship's register.

Skagway today is only a ghost of its former self. In its heyday, when the '98ers were going over White Pass to the Klondike, there were some 10,000 people in Skagway, and they had 90 saloons. Today there are only 650 people and two saloons—or cocktail bars, as they are really called.

PACK TRAIN INN

As you walk through the town you see on every hand the old buildings of the days of '98 all boarded up, and sadly in need of paint—if they ever were painted in the first place, which looks doubtful. The old original saloon, called "The Pack Train Inn," still stands and is still in use.

I went in and had a look at its bar. But all the trappings of former times are gone. although one may see them, as I did, in the private museum of one of the two hotels. Both these hotels are run by the same woman. In this bar of the Pack Train, Robert W. Service had drunk, and Frank Gotch, one-time heavyweight champion wrestler of the world, and Tex Rickard, the promoter, and other notables.

COST MILLIONS

From Skagway I took the train to Whitehorse, 110 miles away. Because so much of this roadbed was carved and blasted out of the solid rock of the sides of the mountains, it cost approximately ten million dollars to build it. Finished in 1900, it is called the toughest railroad in the world to operate.

It is wild and rugged, this pass, and three engines pulled our 12 cars over the nearly 2,900-foot hump, with its Dead Horse Gulch down below. Although it was warm and raining at Skagway, there was snow on the ground up at the pass and more was coming down.

Our train travelled along the whole shore-line of Lake Bennett, which is a 27-mile-long body of pale green water that lies between two rows of brown mountains that slope back from its edge. Half this lake is in northern British Columbia, the other half is in the Yukon.

Lake Bennet today is a scene of quiet grandeur and beauty, but in the days of '98 it was a hive of industry. As many as 5 000 men were there in tents, for here it was that the stampeders, having crossed the pass, built their boats and rafts and scows to take them the rest of the way by water to the Klondike.

ONLY A CHURCH LEFT

Today the only thing standing of those former times is the little Presbyterian church. It is only a shell of a building, with log slabs nailed to its frame-work. I don't think there ever was a wooden floor in it, for the floor is all sand; no platform up front and no pulpit and no inside wall, just the bare ribs of the frame. The skin of some animal hangs on one wall, and some old dog harness and long dog sleighs and several beds clutter up the place.

I remember wondering, as I stood there in its one main room, how many of the stampeders in their mad rush for the gold fields, ever stopped long enough to worship here.

(The end)

Pine Cone Legend

Once upon a time—according to Harz mountain legend—a poor miner's wife was gathering pine cones in the forest. It was just before Christmas, her husband was ill, and there was no money in the house for food. So, she gathered the cones and sold them to the villagers for kindling—obtaining enough for the day's necessities.

One morning while she was looking for such cones, a little imp jumped out of a huge fir tree.

"Here, here are the biggest, driest cones of all! Take these," he shrieked, jumping up and down excitedly.

Suddenly, there was such a shower of cones that the poor woman was frightened. She tried to run away, but could not move until the little imp had filled her basket. And, having started home, the basket grew heavier and heavier—she wished the elf hadn't disappeared, he might have helped her.

When she finally reached her hut, she called the children to help carry the basket inside. Emptying the basket, they found that every cone was made of solid silver.

Commemorating these legendary silver cones, gilded pine cones are sold in modern stores, to decorate our homes—to burn and crackle gaily in our Christmas fires.

Pagan Rites Basis Of Many Customs

Strange as it may seem, most American Christmas customs stem largely from Pagan rites practiced long before the birth of Christ.

The custom of exchanging gifts is one of the few that springs from the Christian era. Christmas candles, bonfires and Yule logs arise from the heathen festivals observing the winter solstice, December 21, when the days begin to lengthen. That was a time of great rejoicing for ancient sun worshippers who built bonfires to give strength to the "winter sun-god."

Pre-Christian Romans ornamented their homes with green boughs and flowers for the Feast of Saturnalia which began December 19. Druids gathered mistletoe for that season, while ancient Saxons used holly, ivy and bay. Modern mistletoe and holly wreaths come from those peoples.

Christmas trees, too, spring from the ancient German days when Germanic tribes made sacrifices to the sacred oak tree of Odin. When the missionary St. Boniface traveled to Germany in the Eighth Century and saw these celebrations he persuaded the natives to substitute a fir tree for the oak and to adorn it in a tribute to the Christ Child.

During the Middle Ages the entire Christmas season was celebrated in equal fervor with that now shown on Christmas day. In some lands the celebration lasted from December 24 to January 6—Twelfth Night—and in others from December 21 to February 2. By the year 1644, Christmas in England had become such a wild orgy that the Puritans forbade its celebration by law.

Most powerful weapon in the fight against tuberculosis is the X-ray. Christmas Seal dollars are still needed to buy more X-ray equipment. If you haven't sent your, do it now.

BROOKE CLAXTON IN PARIS

—Central Press Canadian

Canada's minister of defense, Brooke Claxton, stands in reverance at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Paris after placing flowers at the Arch De Triumph.

Mistaken Efficiency

REDLANDS, Calif.—The city is out $35 because one of its refuse collectors guessed wrong. An auto supply firm scoured southern California for a certain type of automobile fender. It finally was delivered, but after closing hours. Early next morning, the rubbish truck came by. Leaning against a door was the fender. But it was too big to get in the truck. So the trucker carefully ran over it several times to reduce its size. The city council heard the story, agreed to foot the bill.

Illustrating a Point

DETROIT. — Patrolman John Major and Roland Knight of suburban Ferndale noticed a car parked in a wooded, secluded area early in the morning.

"Don't you know this is dangerous?" they asked the boy and girl occupying it. "There might be men lurking around here with guns."

Major flashed his light around in a grand gesture. The beam showed a man crouched near the car and carrying a revolver. The prowler was held.

Grave Error

TULSA, Okla.—A grave error was committed by an automobile burglar. He slashed a hole in the parked car's top and fled with a handsome suit of men's clothing. But there was a slight catch. They were burial garments—false front affairs with zippers up the back

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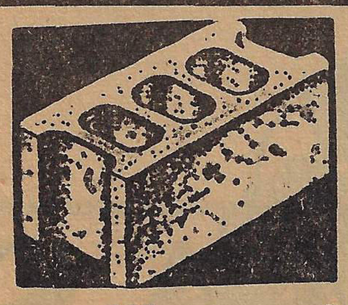
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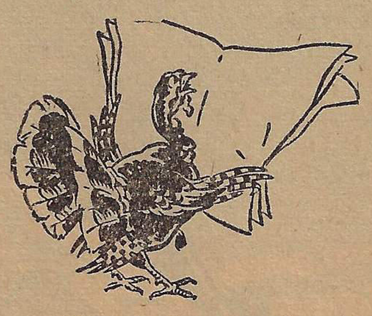
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Wallis' 'September' Rolls at Paramount

HOLLYWOOD. — Hal Wallis recently put "September", his 16th production for Paramount, before the camera with a cast headed by Joan Fontane and Joseph Cotten under direction of Willam Dieterle.

Exteriors for the romantic drama were filmed in Italy with Fontaine and Cotten appearing in sequences filmed in Rome, Naples, Florence, at the ruins of Pompeii and on the Isle of Capri.

Francoise Rosay, the noted French character actress, who scored heavily in the English production of Somerset Maugham's "Quartet," reports to Wallis this week for the start of her role.

Tons of Offspring

CLINTON, Ill. — Harold Morris boasts of woning one of the "busiest" sows in these parts. The sow gave birth to a record litter of 19 pigs. Six months later she presented another litter, this time totaling 16 pigs. At the age of six months the 10-pig litter weighed in at 4046 pounds.

A Proud Record

ALBERDEEN, Wis. — W. G. Pough joined the First Baptist Church here when he was 14. He is now 77, but his record of religious service totals 166 years. He's been a church member for 63 years, a deacon for 34, a trustee for 23, treasurer for 23, clerk for 21, and Sunday School superintendent for two.

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"A Christmas Carol"

The Christ-child lay on Mary's lap,
His hair was like a light.
(O weary, weary were the world,
But here is all aright.)

The Christ-child lay on Mary's breast,
His hair was like a star.
(O stern and cunning are the kings,
But here the true hearts are.)

The Christ-child lay on Mary's heart,
His hair was like a fire.
(O weary, weary is the world,
But here the world's desire.)

The Christ-child stood at Mary's knee,
His hair was like a crown,
And all the flowers looked up at Him,
And all the stars looked down.

—G. K. Chesterton.

Magi Were Priests Of Persian Religion

Along about this time of the year there's a lot written, said and sung about the Magi. Just who were the Magi, anyway?

The Magi were priests of an ancient Persian religion called Zoroastrianism. The Greek historian Herodotus gives a very favorable account of them and their influence in a society which existed four hundred years before Christ's birth.

According to Herodotus the Magi were powerful in public and private affairs. They conducted the education of the young princes, and were in constant attendance upon the king as counselors.

This description of a Magi appears in the sacred writing of Zoroaster: "Thou shouldst call him priest, who sits the whole night thru and yearns for holy wisdom that enables man to stand upon death's bridge fearless and with happy heart, the wisdom whereby he attains the holy and glorious world of paradise."

The three Magi, or Wise Men, who followed the Star of Bethlehem and brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the Christ child remain nameless, but they were the first to recognize the importance of the birth of the Prince of Peace.

One Scotch factory now produces more than 2,100,000 alarm clocks a year.

ALL FUSELAGE AND NO WINGS

—Central Press Canadian

They look like any other chickens, except that they are almost all fuselage and no wings. A Des Moines, Iowa, breeder developed the new strain of chickens after 12 years of patiently mating birds accidentally born without wings or with wings stunted. They will be shown in the National Farm show in Chicago this month.

Healthful Ventilation

In every office and workroom warmth, moisture and used-up air . . . not to mention dust and tobacco smoke . . . are being given off all the time by the occupants. Unless the air is kept moving it becomes stagnant and oppressive and good, accurate work becomes difficult. Good ventilation is essential to the health of workers. A well ventilated workroom soon pays for itself in increased production.

Fun And Games

Children need plenty of freedom for open-air games and sports. They need to run, jump, skip and climb if their bodies are to develop healthfully and their minds to mature normally.

Not Dead, Just Hungry

EVANSVILLE, Ind.—"I'll never live to bet back to Evansville," said a note found on a road near Worthington, Ind. The name of Mrs. Allane Griffith of Evansville was found on a scrap of paper near by.

Mrs. Griffith, awakened at her home by apprehensive officers, explained that she had written the note to a friend at a convention at Indianapolis when it ran past lunch time and she was becoming famished.

Then, motoring home, she had decided to clean out her purse along the highway.

Tuberculosis never rests or takes a holiday. It must be fought not only at Christmas time but all year round. Your Christmas Seals will have been only bits of colored paper unless you send in your donation to help save a life.

SANTA CLAUS is one of the most precious wonders of childhood. American mothers overwhelmingly agree that he should be portrayed as the spirit of generosity, kindliness, and gift-giving.

Although the modern conception of Santa Claus is American, the Spirit of Santa Claus is neither modern nor American. The real Saint Nicholas lived in Asia Minor and ever since his death in 343 stories concerning him have been repeated around the firesides of Europe.

The children of Lapland and northern climates naturally picture Santa dressed in fur and dashing through the snow in a reindeer-drawn sleigh. But in central Europe, St. Nicholas first appeared on his liturgical feast day, December 6, and he was a thin, austere churchman who rode a mule and carried gifts for good children and a bundle of birch rods with which to switch the naughty.

Under Dutch influence St. Nicholas lost his solemnity. The Dutch colonists who brought him to America were very practical people and they decided against two gift-giving days in the same month. Thus, Sinter Klass started coming around only at Christmas time.

Santa Gets a Sleigh.

Eventually, ancient legends were woven into American Christmas traditions. Washington Irving sent St. Nicholas flying through Christmas skies in a reindeer-drawn sleigh in 1809; Dr. Clement Moore's poem "The Night Before Christmas," written in 1822, gave Santa " . . . a little round belly that shook when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly;" and a series of drawings in 1868 by Thomas Nast added much to the traditional pictures and appearance of the Santa we see today.

In every youngster's life there comes the time when he begins to suspect that the various bewhiskered gentlemen, so numerous during this season, are not exactly the real Santa Claus. Wise parents advance the "helper" theory as soon as they are asked questions and teach their children to make the Christmas dreams of less fortunate tots and their families come true.

Thus, the real Santa Claus isn't just myth or legend. He is the Spirit of Christmas who lives in the sparkling eyes of children and in the hearts of all grown-ups who strive for peace and good will among men.

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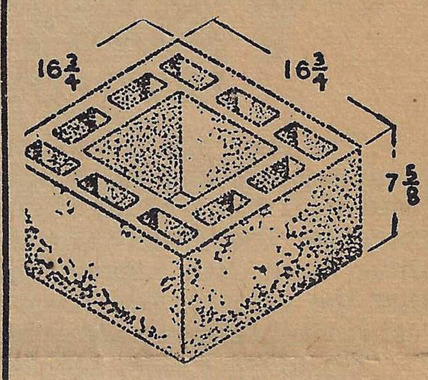

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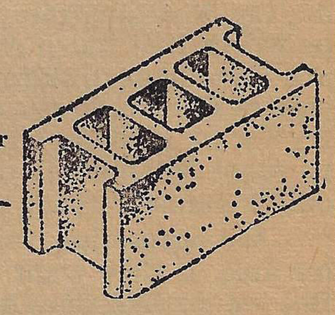

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OPEN LETTER TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa:

This year I'm not asking something for myself but I'd be grateful if you would give:

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THE LITTLE MAN—More of the good things of life.

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EACH ONE OF US—More human kindness, as well as faith in the rightness and fitness of things.

Last, but not least, bestow the benison of peace which flows from love of God upon my fellowmen. I ask these gifts in the name of Him for whom the day is named. If you could grant them, then the spirit of Christmas would bless each day of the year.

Sincerely yours,

EVERYMAN.

P.S.—You may take back the A-bomb. It is too dangerous a toy to play with.

LET'S COMPARE FACTS

The energetic campaign being waged by the Yellowhead Highway Association to publicize the virtues of the Yellowhead Pass route as an alternative to the Kicking Horse Pass route for the Trans-Canada highway is motivated by something more than regional pride. It arises out of a real fear that the value of the Trans-Canada highway may be largely lost if the best route is not selected.

While the rivalry between Edmonton and Calgary, Jasper and Banff,, undoubtedly provides part of the basis for this controversy over routes, it is not an important part of it. Proponents of the Yellowhead route are mostly serious-minded citizens who, as a result of personal experience with the "Big Bend" route, seriously doubt if it will provide the satisfactory "all-weather" route to the coast which one would expect the Trans-Canada highway to be.

Their arguments against the "Big Bend" route are too important to be brushed aside lightly. First of all they claim that the route is the most costly of the alternatives. Secondly they claim that the country through which it passes is so rugged in spots that it will be impossible to build a road up to Trans-Canada standards in many places.

Thirdly, and most important of all, they claim that due to heavy snowfalls and the physical nature of the country through which it will pass, it will be impossible, regardless of expense, to keep it open to traffic during the winter months.

Now the Trans-Canada highway is going to cost approximately $300,000,000. This isn't peanuts. And while it may be worth that much money to have a highway which will enabe Canadians of different provinces to travel freely from one part of Canada to the other without having to leave the country for at least part of the journey, it is too much money to be spent if it fails to achieve its object — if the road is to be only a summer road, or a "fair weather road."

We agree that the provincial premiers are probably better able, if they want to, to choose the route than is Ottawa. But we do feel that, to insure Canadians get the most value for their money out of this highway, the Dominion Government should offer the provincial premiers every possible assistance to insure that the best route is selected. We feel that they should offer them the services of a fact-finding commission which could investigate the charges made by the Yellowhead Highway Association, and other details.

After all, the members of the Yellowhead Highway Association, like all Canadians are more interested in getting the best route, wherever it may be, than they are in any particular route. Th: facts would settle the argument. The facts would stop all dissenters and sectional cheer-leaders.

Let's have a commission to find the facts.

CALL TO TRADE

The stiff sales resistance presented by the British Government to our efforts to sell eggs, cheese and other farm commodities is undoubtedly caused by their shortage of dollars coupled with an improving trade situation in the sterling area. It may also be the prelude to a demand that Canada buy more British goods. It is a call to Canada to trade with Great Britain instead of just selling our products for dollars we turn right around and spend south of the line. It's a "we can't do business with you unless you do business with us" argument. If we're going to hold our overseas markets we'll have to buy more British goods.

Scriptural Meditations

"When Christ ascended to heaven, the sense of His presence was still with His followers. It was a personal presence, full of love and light. Jesus, the Saviour, who had walked and talked and prayed with them, who had spoken hope and comfort to their hearts, had, while the message of peare was still upon His lips, been taken up from them into heaven, and the tones of His voice had come back to them, as the cloud of angels received Him—'Lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world,' Matt. 28:20. He had ascended to heaven in the form of humanity. They knew that He was before the throne of God, their Friend and Saviour still; that His sympathies were unchanged; that He was still identified with suffering humanity. He was presenting before God the merits of His own blood, showing His wounded hands and feet, in remembrance of the price He had paid for His redeemed. They knew that He had ascended to heaven to prepare places for them, and that He would come again, and take them to Himself."

—"Steps to Christ."

CAN YOU SMILE?

Lady (reading paper) — Well, well, I never knew that our firemen were so childish. It says here that the firemen played on the ruins for some hours.

Mother — Why didn't you call me when Mr. Clive kissed you?
Daughter—He threatened me.
Mother—Threatened?
Daughter—Yes, not to kiss me any more.

"How long must I wear my bathing suit?" asked the young woman at a strange beach.
"Until you get back to the bath house, at least," answered the information clerk.

As the class had been told to write an essay on Lincoln—one of the pupils wrote — "Abraham Lincoln was born on a bright summer day, the 12th of February, 1809. He was born in a log cabin that he had helped his father to build."

"What does your husband like for dinner?" asked the young bride, who was looking for advice.
Experienced housewife. "Most anything I haven't got in the pantry."

A city girl visiting her uncle on the farm was watching a cow chewing her cud.
"Pretty fine cow, that," said her uncle as he came by.
"Yes," said the girl, "but doesn't it cost a lot to keep her in chewing gum?"

"Daughter," said dad sternly, "I hope when you are with that young man there is none of this petting and kissing foolishness."
"Oh, be yourself," retorted daughter, "We're not married, and you can't expect us to spend all our time scrapping when we are together, the way you and mother do."

Ghosts of Christmas Past

Of all the good resolutions I ever made, the best of them have to do with Christmas.

I once determined to keep an address book of all old friends (and new ones, too). Then ten days before Christmas I would send each of them a card. It doesn't hurt a bit to send out cards early, either, because that obliges friends of bygone years to send you greeting cards in return, to save face.

The old address book, properly indexed, is still lying around gathering dust somewhere. I could probably find it, too, with just a little effort. But friends in Toronto, Hamilton, Ottawa, Detroit, Chicago, Winnipeg, Brandon and Calgary will have to be left to the old hit-or-miss system I use now. A good resolution discarded. So much for one venerable relic of Ghost of Christmas past.

T. W. Pue

OTHER CHRISTMASES

Though for practical purposes I may have forgotten my friends of Christmas Past, I cannot help but recall events that come to mind simply because they are associated with the Christmas season.

It took a ghost to remind Scrooge of his lonely self in a lonely school room, as a cheerless boy in a cheerless Christmas atmosphere. I well recall the first Christmas I spent away from home and family, in Chicago in 1935. I remember buying a goose at a meat market down near the Edgewater Beach Hotel. A few days later I left Chicago and motored to Sarnia, Ont. I felt quite alone there as I had to spend New Year's alone in Sarnia.

PITY THIS POOR GUY

Whenever I went to Sarnia I would make a trip across the river on the ferry and spend a few hours in Port Huron. I could walk down Port Huron's Main Street and nearly everyone would say hello to me, a perfect stranger in the Port city.

There is (or was) some poor, unfortunate man there who looked like me. One chap even rushed up to me, shook my hand and then, I suppose, my vacant, expressionless countenance had its effect and he dropped my hand like something limp and lifeless and his voice trailed off "no—no—you're n-ott——"

That was Christmas Past, 1935.

IN TORONTO, 1938

There was Christmas, 1938, when, in Toronto we witnessed the result of a head-on collision of an automobile and a street car on Bloor Street West. The ambulances were so busy that Christmas eve in Toronto it took two hours for them to call and pick up the broken, bruised and bleeding body of the woman who lay on the sidewalk moaning and groaning She had been hurtled through the windshield of the family car Her husband was standing over her, helplessly and piteously crying

AT THE COAST, 1940

I remember, too, Christmas of 1940. Mrs Pue and I spent Christmas at the west coast. It was the first time I had seen it rain on Christmas Day.

SANTA CLAUS, TOO, 1921

I vividly recollect the faith I had in Santa Claus I remember being sent up to the front of the church, by my mother, to take delivery of a gift for my baby sister, Doris When I got there the fuzzy old fellow embarrassed me beyond measure by asking "are you Doris?"

I had been told he drove up to the church door in his reindeer sleigh, and as soon as the concert was over I rushed outside to see the outfit but it was gone Santa Claus, himself, told me he had left the herd downtown In a livery stable, I suppose.

A few minutes later Santa Claus disappeared and my father miraculously showed up to take his family home. I could never understand why he hadn't attended the concert.

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

Christmas time, I think, is a time of retreat. A time when we fold up the tents of work, of business, of journalism and retreat to the atmosphere of home and family. I think nearly everyone wants to be home for Christmas.

So I'm going home for Christmas. For it is at home where I can stir up best the nostalgic memories of Christmas Past.

Canada's Sugar Bowl

(From the Christian Science Monitor)

Once, Alberta's deep south was in serious danger of becoming a dust bowl. Today it is known as Canada's "Sugar Bowl" with a $6,500,000 sugar beet industry.

Dr. A. E. Palmer, Utah-born superintendent of the Dominion Experimental Farm at Lethbridge, said, "It may be that other crops would be better suited to it," then revealed that beet sugar shipments out of the area jumped 26 per cent in 1947 over the previous year, with the three prairie provinces — Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba — taking 97 per cent, the rest going to Ontario.

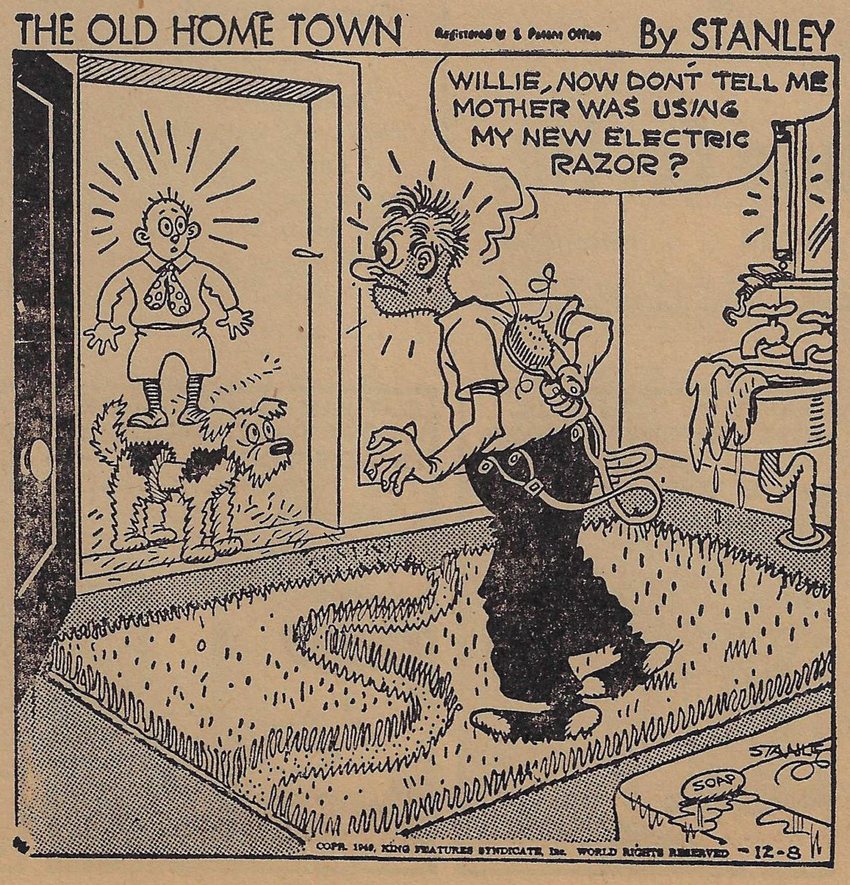
Processing is done in two factories, one at Raymond, the other at Picture Butte. A third, at Taber, is scheduled to start processing in the fall of 1950. Annual production at present approaches 130,000,000 pounds, grown on more than 30,000 acres of irrigtaed land, filling 10 per cent of Canada's requirements.

The story of the sugar beet in Alberta parallels the story of irrigation, for controlling water supply is one of the major factors in successful sugar beet production there. The others are deep, rich soil, plenty of sunshine; adequate frost-free periods and experienced beet growers. Southern Alberta has all these, with the result that, besides the 130,000,000 pounds of sugar, it produces annually some 60,000 lambs and 20,000 cattle fattened on beet pulp and betalasses, by-products of the industry.

Growers are making insistent demands for more irrigation. The greatest possibility for the future lies in the $20,000,000 St. Mary - Milk River development currently undertaken by the provncial and federal governments. Labor, too, is vital, since a great deal of hand labor is still required in the harvest in spite of the advance of mechanical aids. Southern Alberta has a satisfactory supply of workers.

Alberta's sugar beet industry dates back to the turn of the century. New settlers came in under a colonization program. Jesse Knight, a Utah Mormon millionaire, with his two sons, erected the first factory. It failed a few years later. Not until 1925 did interest grow again. A United States firm built a factory at Raymond. A success, this venture eventually became the property of a Canadian company. The second plant went up at Picture Butte in 1936 and the third one, to open next year, will be the last word in sugar beet processing design with a slicing capacity of 1,700 tons a day.

The new plant, with the resultant increase in sugar production, will look for its markets to a probable increase in Canadian sugar consumption, and a possible influx of immigrants to the west.


THE OLD HOME TOWN
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WILLIE, NOW DONT TELL ME MOTHER WAS USING MY NEW ELECTRIC RAZOR?
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BLUE JAY NEWS

BLUE JAY. — Mr. and Mrs. John Devanty are now the proud parents of a baby girl whom they have named Stella.

Mrs. Katie Dowhaluk is in the Lac la Biche hospital, and George can be seen buzzing to Lac la Biche and back again quite often.

Miss Mary Ilnicki had her appendix removed at the Lac la Biche hospital last Saturday.

It seems that while Mike Lopachuk was illustrating his mechanical abilities, his monkey wrench got out of control and caused some monkey business by knocking out his front tooth. He went in to Edmonton last week to get it fixed.

Mr. Mike Klimiuk made a hurried trip to Edmonton to bid farewell to his brothers John and Pete who are leaving to take employment in the North West Territories.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Moroz entertained some visitors last Saturday and Sunday.

Tommy Ilnicki celebrated his tenth birthday last Saturday.

May Santa's Gift to You Be Joy and Happiness the Year Through

MIKE MACCAGNO

Insurance

Lac la Biche

Sale of Property Held On Dec. 3

BLUE JAY.—The sale of Mr. Alex Blonsky's property was held on Dec. 3 with Mr. Alex Semenuik auctioneering.

Many people around here were under the impression Mr. Blonsky was going to sell out completely and take up residence in Edmonton, but now after the sale we see that he is still in possession of his tractor ,truck, combine, and most of his household furnishings.

KIKINO NEWS

KIKINO. — There will be a dance held in the Community hall at Kikino on Dec. 23. The teacher is not having a concert so they are just having the dance and Santa will come to the school children that night if they are good.

Mrs. Gert Henly left last week to go and stay with her sister at Edmonton for awhile.

There sure is a change in the weather now since it has turned so cold. It looks like Christmas now.

Mr. C. Thompson was down to visit his mother at McRae for a few days last week.

WEATHER

December 13	5.5	—20.8
December 14	17.2	1.8
December 15	15.8	1.3
December 16	4.8	— 1.5

Precip.—4" snow.

Eyes are bright with laughter . . . lips are pursed in song . . . hearts are filled with warmth, and good cheer. It's Christmas time — that wonderful time of the year when we have the opportunity of saying to one and all . . .

Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas

MICHAEL HAMAR

General Merchant

LAC LA BICHE

WANDERING RIVER NEWS

Mr. Bill Dwernychuk has purchased a new John Deere cat.

We have seen two familiar faces in the district, Rosaire Parenteau and Palmer Pynten, are back. Welcome boys!

Skating is supposed to be a healthful exercise but it is not so healthful for our ears, noses and toes — so our Sunday skaters have found.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Oshanyk are the proud parents of a baby girl, Lorraine Cory.

Do unto others as you wish others to do unto you. It is a shame to force school children to walk a needless two and a half miles if they can walk one mile cross-country. Jack Frost is rather a harsh companion for a seven-year-old.

Obituary

MR. ANICET LEMAY

Our district has lost one of its old pioneers in the person of Mr. Anicet Lemay, who died suddenly at his home at the age of 77 years.

He had not been in the best of health for some time, having spent a few weeks at the hospital, but he had returned home for almost a week when his brother, Father J. A. Lemay, who had been visiting there for the last few months, found him dead in his bed Monday, Nov. 7 when he went to wake him up before saying his mass in the morning.

Mr. A. Lemay had been a resident of the district since 1916, when he came west from Valleyfield, Que., with his family. His wife predeceased him several years ago. He had been living with his sons Robert and Egide ever since.

Mr. Lemay was a fervent Catholic and an honest man in the true sense of the word and can serve as an example to the community.

He leaves to mourn his loss four sons and two daughters, Medard from Valleyfield, Que., who came by airplane to his father's funeral, Egide and Robert from Egg Lake and Phillipe from Plamondon, Estelle, Mrs. Alex Schaub and Germaine, Mrs. Leon Lapierre from Egg Lake. He also leaves 21 grand children and six great-grand children.

Father L. Couture, O.M.S., officiated at the funeral assisted by Fathers Gauthier and Ouellette on Nov. 9. Father Lemay has gone back to Valleyfield with his nephew Medard after the funeral of his brother.

EGG LAKE NEWS

EGG LAKE.—Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Amiot and Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Amiot have just returned from a trip in the east in their automobile. They have been gone over six weeks. They went to Toronto, Montreal, Valleyfield, Que. They also went to Worcester and Marlboro, Mass. They visited with relatives and friends, some of them they had not seen for 34 years. They enjoyed their trip very much.

Mrs. Edmund Pare, who had to have an operation at Lac la Biche hospital, has returned home. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Mr. Leon L'Heureux, Albert L'Heureux and Gerald Amiot have gone to Slave Lake to fish.

Miss Rolande Vincent is visiting at the home of her brother Marcel for the last few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice and their son Jerome are in Edmonton on business.

Miss M. J. L'Heureux, Louise L'Heureux and Rosie Dionne are working at Lac la Biche cafe.

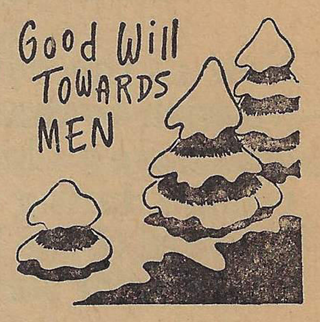
In the tax year ending March 31, 1949, Ottawa collected $1,279,999,404 in income taxes, highest total in history.

Public Cash Sale for Mike Zakewsky

December 29th

At River Lot 1—Pakan

22-36 tractor; 28" Separator; 4-bottom plow, used two seasons; 10-foot power lift; tandem disc, Case; Cockshutt 8 ft. single disc; power lift; 8 ft. binder, used three seasons; blacksmith outfit; household articles; stock, etc.



. . . . and boundless joy and happiness to all our friends.

John Onufrew

Lac la Biche

May the warm glow of good will and happiness prevade your every moment this Christmas season.

Sam Wooll

Lac la Biche

GREETINGS

Like your Christmas stocking our wishes for you contain nothing but happiness. May this be a merry, merry Yuletide and the happiest New Year for you and every member of your family! We hope we will enjoy your patronage during the coming year.

VICTORY GARAGE

Lac la Biche

AT CHRISTMAS

Now as the holiday season is upon us, we wish to thank all our many friends who have so kindly given of their patronage during the past year. We look forward to the New Year, when we may again be of service to you.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL!

LAC LA BICHE MERCANTILE

May the "Old Fashion" spirit of Christmas come into your hearts at this joyous season, and as we thank you at this time for your patronage during the past year we say to you all

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

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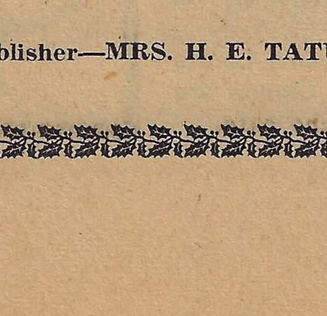


Take every greeting and every word of good cheer, multiply them by three hundred and sixty-five, and you have a small fraction of the wishes we are wishing for you this Christmas.

May we have the pleasure of serving you during the coming year.

Lac La Biche Herald

T. W. PUE, Publisher—MRS. H. E. TATUM, Local Editor

Lady Alexander W.I.

McMURRAY—The Lady Alexander W.I. met at the home of Mrs. Frank Mossman on Saturday, December 10th, with five members and three visitors present.

Roll call was answered by a Christmas gift suggestion.

The district convener, Mrs. Wight, was present and gave an interesting report on activities of Alberta Women's Institutes.

The hostess gift was won by Mrs. Wight.

An enjoyable lunch was served by Mrs. Mossman, assisted by Mrs. Peddicord.

Next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. J. Gilbertson on Tuesday, January 17th, 1950.

MERRY CHRISTMAS
To All Our Friends
Pawluk's Confectionery
Lac la Biche

SEASON'S GREETINGS
To One and All
Ross' Truck Service
Lac la Biche

YULETIDE GREETINGS
Lakeview Mortuary
Lac la Biche

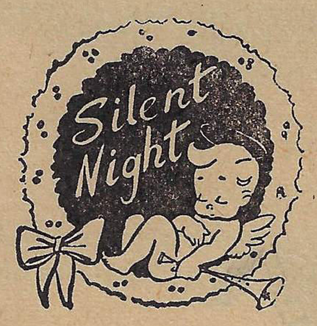
Sincere Christmas Greetings
NORTHERN GARAGE
Lac la Biche

On His Birthday, we wish one and all, happiness and prosperity, now and the year through.

Ideal Confectionery Store

We join in wishing you a Yuletide filled with song and good cheer. Merry Christmas!

Lac la Biche Creamery
Lac la Biche



May your happiness be doubled, tripled and quadrupled for a truly Merry Christmas.

LAC LA BICHE BILLIARDS
Lac la Biche

BEST WISHES FOR A....

Merry Christmas

WE EXTEND TO YOU AND YOURS THE JOYS AND GOOD WISHES OF THE SEASON, AND MAY THE COMING YEAR BE FULL OF HAPPINESS.

A. HAMILTON & SONS
LAC LA BICHE

MERRY CHRISTMAS

The happiest of season's greetings to everyone. We thank you for your patronage during the past year.

May the coming New Year bestow upon you good health, happiness and friendship — the most important possessions in life that money alone can't buy.

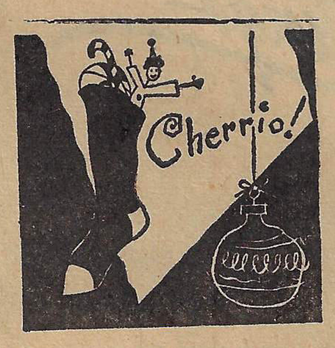
D. A. SADOWNIK
GRASSLAND

May you carry with you throughout the year — the joyous spirit that is Christmas.

Dumas Trucking
SERVICE
Lac la Biche

Best wishes to all our many friends, and continued health and happiness throughout the coming year.

Central Service Garage
LAC LA BICHE



To folks who are little and folks who are big, folks who are round and folks who are slim—to just all the folks we know, Merry Christmas.

F. A. Coutney
Lac la Biche

MODERN BEAUTY SHOPPE
LAC LA BICHE

A Merry, Merry

CHRISTMAS

To You All!

We extend our very best wishes to all our friends who have given us their kind patronage during the past year. We hope we will have the pleasure of serving you during the coming year.

Royal Cafe
LAC LA BICHE

BOWLING

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Men's Bowling Averages

1	R. Coutney	210
2	L. Phillips	201
3	E. Coutney	197
4	G. Berkylo	195
5	R. Schelton	191
6	V. Varze	190
7	Wm. Salahub	184
8	G. Rosachuk	177
9	O. Michetti	176
10	J. Lebeuf	168
10	D. Beniuk	168
10	R. Michetti	168
11	D. Lett	165
11	J. Konowalchuk	165
12	Wm. Cairns	162
13	E. Lebeuf	161
14	J. Watson	160
14	J. Mekechuk	160
15	Wm. Cadzow	159
16	J. Moisey	156
16	R. Cherkas	156
17	J. Bouvier	155
17	M. Maccagno	155
18	M. Palmer	154
19	L. Badrey	153
19	J. Onifrew	153
20	J. Klein	152
21	E. Grant	151
21	G. Coutney	151
22	S. Kelly	149
23	H. Senetza	148
24	G. Steedsman	147
25	F. Wiemken	145
26	O. Aabac	143
27	S. Richards	138
28	S. Hamar	137
28	J. Bourassa	137
29	U. Plamondon	134
30	F. Harman	2
31	B. Romanuik	108

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Team Standings December 12th

TWELVE GAMES PLAYED

Team	W.	L.	Pts.
V. Varze	9	3	18
E. Coutney	9	3	18
R. Michetti	7	5	14
G. Berkylo	6	6	12
R. Coutney	6	6	12
M. Maccagno	5	7	10
J. Lebeuf	5	7	10
Wm. Cadzow	5	7	10
S. Richards	4	8	8
L. Phillips	4	8	8

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Team and Players' Scores

High for team—Dec. 12, 1949—G. Berkylo, 774.

Low for team—Dec. 12, 1949 — L. Phillips, 474.

High single score—Dec. 12, 1949 —V. Varze, 259.

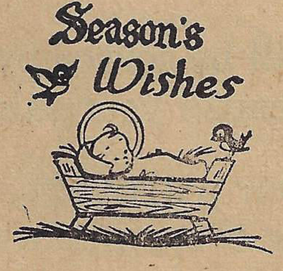
Low single score—Dec. 12, 1949 —B. Romanuik, 80.

High for team — To date — E. Coutney, 807.

Low for team — To date — R. Coutney, 410.

High single score — To date — D. Benuik and E. Coutney, 278.

Low single score — To date — J. Bourassa, 54.



May His blessings be upon you on this Christmas Day, and on all the Christmases to come.

VICTORY GARAGE
Lac la Biche

Christmas

Romaniuk's Radio
LAC LA BICHE

Through the shopping and the giving we hear the Christmas greeting. Lend your ear to ours on this festive day.

Jack Wolstenholme
Jeweller **La la Biche**

L. & M. SERVICE
LAC LA BICHE

GREETINGS:

'Tis the jolly Yuletide season—time to express our wishes for your health, happiness and prosperity aloud! And time too—to tell you how much we have enjoyed your patronage during the past year . . . and to voice a hope that 1950 will prove a continuation of our happy association.

H. McCORMICK
Massey-Harris **LAC LA BICHE**

NORTH BANK NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. P. Kyforuk have left for a two-month holiday in Texas.

Mr. John Ferens has purchased a new W-4 McCormick-Deering tractor.

Mr. Bill Lotoski is recovering quite rapidly from the operation which he had two weeks ago. He expects to come home next week.

The North Bank School Club sponsored a whist drive on December 16th at the Lopstick school.

Mr. F. Sikora returned home, Saturday, from the F.U.A. convention at Calgary. He will give his report to the North Bank F. U. A. local during a meeting of the local on December 20th.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hruschak, a daughter, Norma Joan, December 1st, 1949.

BRIEREVILLE NEWS

BRIEREVILLE. — Mrs. Bud Graham and sons returned home last week after a nice visit with her mother at Ohaton. Robert Liddle accompanied her on the trip.

Lynn Whitford and family have moved to Grandin for the winter. They had some tough luck before they left. One of their young mares tried to get away when she was tied in the barn, pulled back till the hacamore cut her wind off, which killed her.

Russell Whitford took a trip to Edmonton to have some dental work done.

A surprise party was held at the home of E. Blais. Everybody had an enjoyable evening.

The school children are busy practicing for their concert. Best of luck, Miss Crontze.

Briereville Hockey Jockeys are expecting the Lac la Biche team out for a game today. We hope they have a good game, considering the weather.

D.V.A. has assisted about 50,000 Canadian veterans in university studies and about 100,000 in vocational training.

All ice over swiftly moving water is to be considered dangerous say Red Cross Water Safety Instructors.

The average weekly wage in Canadian industry was $43.27 at September 1, 1949, as compared to $40.86 at September 1, 1948.

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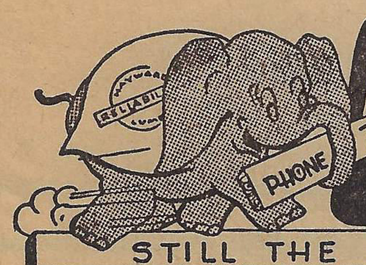

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AND THE SAME OLD WISH TO YOU

LAC LA BICHE GARAGE
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Christmas Greetings

. . . to you our friends and patrons. It is our sincere hope that we may continue to enjoy your wonderful patronage once again during the coming New Year.

CHAS. LEBAS
LAC LA BICHE

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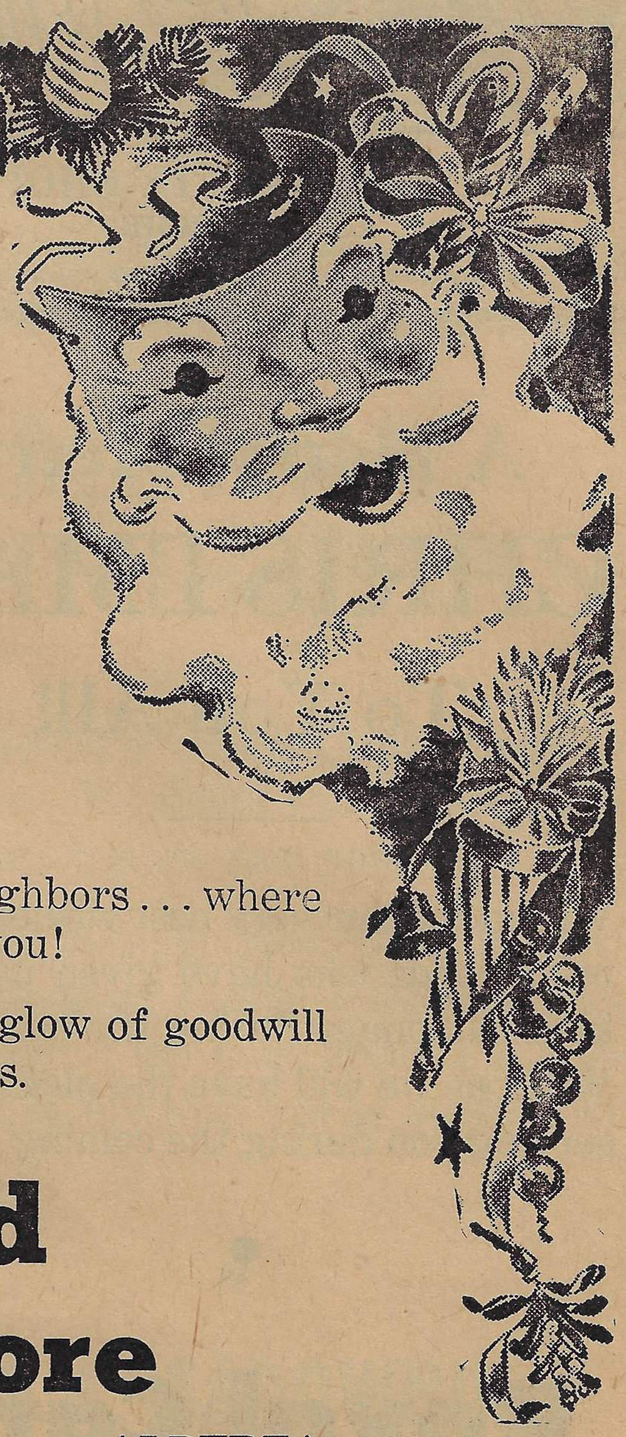

Shop at home, where you will be served by friends and neighbors . . . where you will be served best, because your sales people know you!

Our heartfelt thanks for your patronage, may the warm glow of goodwill and happiness pervade your every moment this Christmas.

Lett's New and Second Hand Store

LAC LA BICHE ALBERTA

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AUTOMOBILES and FARM MACHINERY

FOR SALE — One-ton truck, 1938 Chevrolet, in good condition. Apply Pete Gaberel, Lac la Biche. G S-TF

FOR SALE — One 1936 Chevrolet Sedan, $1,750. Cash or trade. Apply: W. E. Felzien, Forestburg, Alta. P D-14-21.

FOR SALE — Late 1947 model Studebaker light delivery truck. 19,500 actual mileage. Four-speed transmission, 6.50x16 six-play heavy duty tires. First class condition. Apply D. L. Ovans, Sangudo. C N-12-TF

FOR SALE — 1949 Custom built Ford Sedan; 12,000 miles. Apply, Gabe Rosychuk, c/o N.A.R. Station, Lac la Biche. C D-10-TF

BUSINESSES

FOR SALE — Massey-Harris and North Star agencies, drug store, post office concession, four-room house and garage. Four lots included. With fixtures, $9,000. Stock at invoice price. Terms arranged. Apply H. McCormick, Bellis, Alta. C O-22-TF

MISCELLANEOUS

HOSPITALIZATION — 70 days hospital public ward, etc., in one year. Up to $150.00 surgical on operations. Cost $1.60 per month. Apply "Hospitalization," 9948 85th Avenue, Edmonton. P D-17-20-t.f.

NO SHORTAGE NOW of Elephant Brand Fertilizers and attachments. "Elephant Maintains Plant Food Balance." Order your Elephant fertilizers direct from Neilson J. McLean, 11605 94th St., Phone 72110, Edmonton, Alberta. P D-3-10-17-24 C D-31 t.f.

FOR SALE — Registered Chow Puppies, red or black, 11633 97th Street. Deposit will hold until Christmas. C N-19 D-24

FOR SALE — Broad Breasted Bronze Turkeys, Toms, $8.00; Hens, $6.00. A. Podritske, Hobbema. Alta. P D-14-21

FOR SALE — 300 green tamarac fence posts, 7 ft. long, 3- to 7-inch tops in 14 ft. rail lengths. Get them by truck. Apply R. Gordon, Caslan, Alta. P D-17-24

FOR SALE—30 tons of baled hay, good quality. Tame hay, $25.00 per ton. Contact I. Botten, Boyle, Alta. X D-3-10-17-24

FOR SALE OR RENT — General store, Vilna, 4-room living quarters attached, warehouse garage; also 2-room dwelling for rent. Reason for selling, poor health. Wm. Korchinsky, Box 17, Vilna, Alta. P D-24-31

FOR SALE — 1 K.B.S.-5 I.H.C. truck, A-1 shape; 1 1.6 McCormick-Deering tractor on rubber; 1 W-6 McCormick-Deering tractor, 1945, A-1 shape on rubber; 1 U-2 McCormick-Deering power unit, in perfect working order; 1 6-ft. J.D. tiller; 1 8-ft. McCormick-Deering tandem disc harrow. Bargain for quick sale. Wm. Zacharuk, I.H.C. dealer, Vilna, Alta. P D-24-31

FARMS FOR SALE — 160 acres, good buildings, ½ mile to gravel highway and school; 110 acres under cultivation of which 63 acres is new land.
HALF SECTION — Half mile to town and school; fair buildings; 120 acres under cultivation; 50 acres clover for next year. Apply: Paul Lehanky, Ellscott, Alta. P D-17-24.

FOR SALE — 1 Onan 32-volt light plant, 1250 watts; 1 32-volt Globe Light Battery — glass, about 25 bulbs; quantity of wire; 2 ¼ H.P. motors; 32-V radio; electric iron, new; vacuum cleaner. Apply Chas. Keeley, Phone R-104, Mayerthorpe, Alberta. C D-10-17-24.

FOR SALE—Two-ton Ford Truck complete, box, heater, lights. First-class shape. $1.650. O. J. Hancharak, Ashmont, Alberta. P D-17-24.

FOR SALE — Roy Thermo Oil Stove. New. $10 below cost price. Apply Blue Bird Cafe, Sangudo, Alta. C D-17-24.

FOR SALE—Planed lumber, near Plamondon. 2x4s, 2x6s, Flooring, Matched Sheeting, Shelving. Apply B. J. O'Regan, Avenir, Alta. C D-17-24

FOR SALE OR TRADE — Four-year-old registered Tamworth boar; one full-size kitchen range, nickel trim, $25.00; one lady's bicycle, $25.00; one gramophone, $10.00; unwashed sheep's wool, 40 cents per lb. J. M. Black, Rochfordt Bridge, Alta. C D-17-24-31

SELLING OUT — H. O. 7-cat. angle dozer piller-teeth brush-cutter; Hoover disc plow and all accessories, all in good running condition. A snap at $8,000.00. McIntosh Bros., Cherhill, Alta. C D-17-24-31-J-7

FOR SALE — Battery Radio, Console Model, like new, complete with new pack, $35.00. Kitchen Cabinet, $30.00. Apply Mrs. P. V. Allen, Sangudo, Alta. C D-24-31.

FOR SALE—1 old model Pontiac. Cheap for cash. Apply Atmore Service Garage, Atmore, Alta. C D-17

WANTED

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LAC LA BICHE NEWS

As we approach the Christmas season our thoughts turn to our many subscribers whom we like to regard as our friends.

For it is you who have made possible our enjoyment of this wonderful season.

Not only in appreciation of our pleasant business relationship throughout the past, but in all sincerity we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a New Year full of health, happiness and prosperity.

The lake was late in freezing this year as the usual date for it to freeze for the past 35 years was around November the fifth and this year it did not freeze before November 30th.

Marion Diesel crossed the lake with a tractor and sleigh on December 12th.

Mrs. G. Nordquist, of Waterways, was in town for a few days.

Miss Watson is home for the holidays.

Miss Lloyd is home for the holidays.

Mrs. Perrissini, returned from the city where she was for the past week Christmas shopping and visiting her mother, Mrs. E. Hamilton, and sisters, Shirley and Dorothy.

Ernest Langevin, went to Enilda Alberta, as relieving assistant agent.

HOSPITAL NEWS

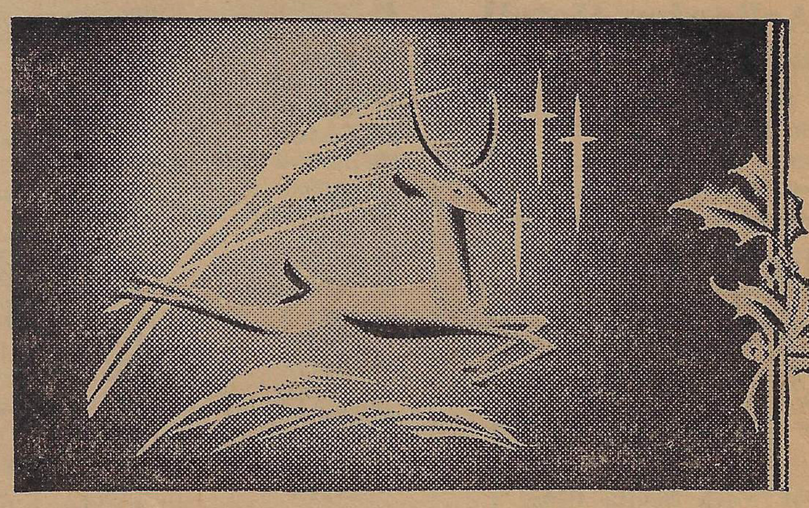
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Metro Lewiski, of Hylo, a daughter, on Decemper 16th.

In Hospital During the Week:

Mrs. Jos. Dakin, of Pourin; Albert Jones of Lac la Biche; Sandra Karpetz, of Charron; Mrs. Harry Stratechuk, of Hylo; Eva Henderson, of Briereville; Lynn Whitford, of Grandin; Gerald Calvert, of Lac la Biche; Mike Chamzuk, of Donatville; Mrs. Helen Lacroix, of Lac la Biche.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Gauthier, of Plamandon, a son, on December 13th.

Production of cotton goods in Canada is falling off steeply now that immediate post war demands have been met.



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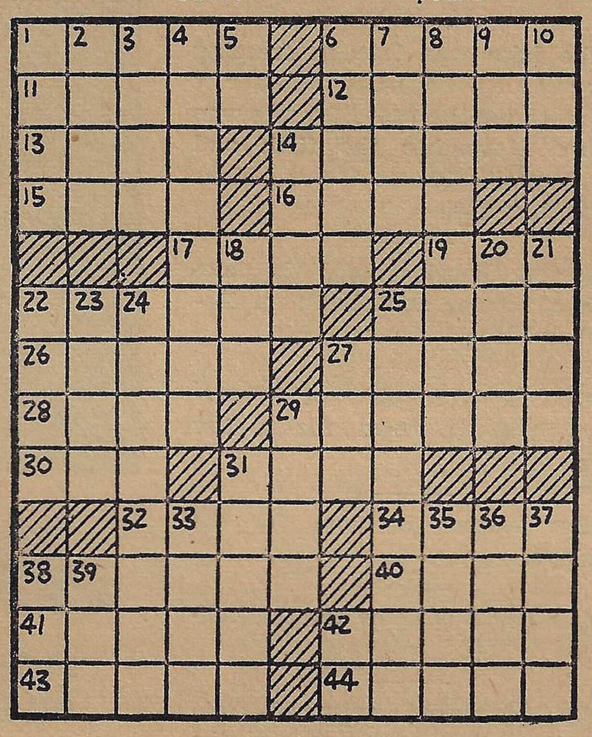
6. Series of connected links
11. Nobleman
12. Former name of Honshu
13. Level
14. Intruded (slang)
15. Minus
16. River (Russ.)
17. Sharp to the taste
19. Subside
22. An island universe
25. Mast
26. Solitary
27. Beach
28. Classify
29. Striped with cords
30. Chinese river
31. Deal with
32. Solicitude
34. Part of "to be"
38. Stared fiercely
40. Metal
41. Volcano in Sicily (var.)
42. Palm (Braz.)
43. Vapor
44. Fragment of pottery (var.)

DOWN

1. Son of Adam
2. Cover with asphalt
3. God of war (Gr.)
4. Persevering
5. Half an em
6. Map
7. Book of hours
8. Vine of milkweed family
9. Fish
10. Land in which Cain settled
14. Inter
18. Hewing tool
20. Reveal
21. Raised
22. Pant
23. Genus of lily
24. Having a protective coating
25. Ill-tempered
27. Soak in
29. Girl at a co-educational school
31. Top of milk
33. Indian buffalo
35. Scottish-Gaelic
36. Bellow
37. City (Okla.)
38. Fuel
39. Permit
42. Roman pound



Some Safety Rules For Holiday Season

It only takes a small amount of carelessness to turn the joyful Christmas holiday into a tragic event. The Christmas tree is the danger spot. There are a few simple precautions that will assure a safe and merry Christmas.

Never burn real candles on your tree.

Don't risk using frayed cords and broken plugs.

Avoid placing powerful lamp bulbs near fancy ornaments, synthetic materials, paper or cotton.

Don't go away and leave your tree lighted.

Be very careful when smoking around Christmas package wrapping material.

Secure the tree by wires to the wall so that tiny tots will not be able to bump or pull it over.

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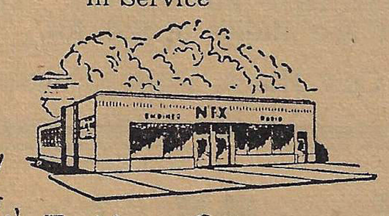

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That overpowered their natural green.

Through hill and valley every breeze
Had sunk to rest with folded wings;
Keen was the air, but could not freeze.
Nor check the music of the strings;
So stout and hardy were the band
That scraped the chords with strenuous hand.

And who but listened? till was paid
Respect to every inmate's claim;
The greeting given, the music played
In honor of each household name,
Duly pronounced with lusty call,
And "merry Christmas" wished to all!

—William Wordsworth.

The bell, the world's oldest and simplest musical instrument, is the world's most universal Yuletide symbol. Each nation has its individual symbols of Christmas, but the bell will be found somewhere in the traditions of every one.

Bell authorities claim that Pope Sabinianus gave us the first church bells in 604. The custom has grown until there is no use of church bells so widely known as the ringing of the chimes to herald the advent of the birth of Christ.

In recent years the ancient bell has "grown up" into the carillon, a highly sensitive instrument on which Christmas carols seem to find their most perfect expression.

IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE!

Donald Woods Signed For Crosby Picture

HOLLYWOOD.—Donald Woods will join Bing Crosby and a top-line cast in "Mr. Music," Paramount announced recently. The film marks start of Woods' 15th year in pictures and this is his first appearance at Paramount since "A Son Comes Home," with Mary Boland 12 years ago.

In recent years concentrating on radio, Woods plays the role of Richard Rhinelander in "My Friend Irma," the CBS show starring Marie Wilson.

In "Mr. Music" Woods continues his series of stuffy characterizations, being cast as Tippy Carpenter, scion of a diamond laden family. The cast also includes Ruth Hussey, Charles Coburn, Robert Stack, Nancy Olson, Dorothy Kirsten and Peggy Lee. Richard Haydn directs.

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At the Dominion Experimental Substation for muck lands, at Ste. Clothide, Quebec, a large number of experiments in connection with the nutrition of the potato crop have been conducted during the past ten years. These experiments have shown that without exception good quality on this soil type is associated with high yield, and high yields are obtained only with a correct balance of nutrients.

The amount of fertilizer to apply will depend to some extent on the available soil moisture. On non-irrigated, dry muck land areas it is probable that no more than one thousand pounds of 2-8-16 per acre can be utilized by a potato crop.

On other areas where water control is effected by seepage irrigation, or other means, a profitable response may be obtained from applications up to two thousand pounds per acre; providing climatic conditions are satisfactory.

On the muck land areas of Southwestern Quebec, crops of four hundred to five hundred bushels per acre are being consistently obtained with applications of fifteen hundred pounds of 2-8-16 per acre.

Furthermore, potatoes from this region are in strong demand on the wholesale markets and meet with ready sale.

Newcomer To Make Debut In 'Outrage'

HOLLYWOOD.—A 22-year-old Mexican youth who has never been in a motion picture, recently was given an important role in Pine-Thomas ' "Outrage," Paramount release about modern mob violence. He will share top roles with co-stars Gail Russell and Macdonald Carey.

The youth is Lalo Rios, born in San Migulito, Mexico. He was moved to Los Angeles in 1936 with his parents. Last year he joined a youth club and appeared in a historical play centred around the history of Los Angeles.

Joseph Losey, who is directing "Outrage," saw the play and arranged for an interview with Producers Pine and Thomas. He was signed for the part without even a test.

A Nickel's Not Enough

CLAYTON,Mo.—In a divorce petition filed in Circuit Court here, Fred H. Becker, a machinist, alleged that his wife, Theresa, forced him to wash dishes, clean the house, mop the floors and wash his own clothes. In addition to having to do all the housework, Becker said his wife took all of his pay and gave him only a nickel a day for a cup of coffee.

Christmas Music By Bach, Handel

For a great many people the music of Bach and Handel make difficult listening — until Christmas comes around. Then, suddenly, everybody starts singing and humming tunes by the two old masters.

The reason for this is that both Bach and Handel were church musicians. One of their tasks was to compose songs for church congregations to sing. They proved themselves masters of beautiful, easily followed melodies in their Christmas music. Our most famous Christmas oratories and carols came from Bach and Handel.

"How Brightly Beams the Morning Star" was composed by Bach and his "Christmas Oratorio" contains the themes of several other popular chorales.

In almost every town and village in America this Christmas a church choir will render at least a portion of George Frederick Handel's the "Messiah." When carolers sing "Joy to the World" they'll be singing part of the "Messiah" too, for that carol comes from themes found in the great oratorio. Handel also composed the musical theme of "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks."

It is a strange fact, but both Bach and Handel were born in 1685, lived for many years within thirty miles of each other, and never met. Yet today, the Christmas music they wrote is sung by men, women and children in countless churches of many faiths all over the world.

Flowers Are Part Of Yule Legends

There are several flowers appropriate during the Yuletide season which are connected with the birth of Christ by the legends of history.

Sainfoin, or "Holy Hay," is said to have cradled the infant Christ in the manger. The snowdrop is the flower of the Virgin Mary, and is said to be the emblem of the candles she lighted on Christmas.

According to legend, the Christmas rose was divinely created. A shepherd maid wept at having no gift to lay before the Babe in the manger. Suddenly an angel appeared to her. On hearing why the maiden wept, the angel touched the ground where her tears had fallen and immediately the place was white with Christmas roses, which the maid gathered and laid in the manger.

The chrysanthemum is said to have appeared first on Christmas Eve near the manger as a sign to the Wise Men that they had reached the spot where the star had bidden them.

Parents Can Spoil Children's Play

Here's a Christmas resolution for parents. It's one that ought to be made before New Year's resolutions are even considered. It goes, "I will keep my hands off the children's toys all day on Christmas."

It'll be a hard one to keep because Mother likes to fuss with Ann's doll. She pretends she is showing Ann how to put on the bonnet, but she's actually having a grand time playing. And once Father gets his hands on the train, or the auto that winds up, the boys can't get near them.

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